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SUBJECT: SECOND REQUEST: IRAQI AMBASSADOR TO VIETNAM
REQUESTS ASYLUM IN YEMEN

REF: A. SANAA 1260

[B](#). SANAA 1259

[C](#). SANAA 1139

[D](#). SANAA 898

[E](#). STATE 102827

Classified By: Charges D'Affaires Alan G. Misenheimer for Reasons 1.5 (b,c,d)

[1](#). (U) This is an action request -- see paragraph 4.

[2](#). (S/NF) On May 31, Abdul Hakim al-Iryani, Advisor to Foreign Minister Qirbi, called DCM to request immediate assistance in vetting the asylum request of the Iraqi Ambassador to Vietnam, his wife, and members of his family (listed below).

-- Mr. Salah Al-Mukhtar, Iraqi Ambassador to Vietnam

-- Mrs. Nawar Al-Saadoon, spouse of Iraqi Ambassador

-- Aws Salah Al-Mukhtar, family member

-- Wahb Salah Al-Mukhtar, family member

-- Zaid Salah Al-Mukhtar, family member

[3](#). (S/NF) Iryani has since informed post that the Government of Vietnam gave Mukhtar 24 hours to leave Vietnam o/a May 30. He informed the Embassy on 6/11 that Mukhtar and his family intend to proceed to Yemen, arriving on Monday, June 16.

[4](#). (S/NF) Action requested: Post requested assistance from ORCA and DAO upon receipt of Iryani's fax (ref A), and is now waiting for a response from ORCA. Post reiterates its request for releasable information on Mukhtar and his family to assist ROYG in their deliberations.

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